

*The Homegoing Celebration
Of
Sister Gladys Lucille Dunkley*



Sunrise
October 4, 1927

Sunset
November 25, 2016

Homegoing Celebration

Thursday, December 1, 2016-11:00 a.m.

Stewart's Rose Manor Funeral Service

3331 MacDonald Avenue – Richmond, CA

Minister Cynthia Harris, Officiant
St. John Missionary Baptist Church

Obituary

Gladys Lucille Dunkley was born in Shreveport, Louisiana. She was the eldest of three born to the proud parents of M. C. and Zodia Batten. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior, at the age of ten (10). She was baptized and united with Growing Valley Baptist Church, in Minden Louisiana under the leadership of Rev J. H. Dixon, Pastor.

She moved to Richmond, California with her Parents in 1943. Gladys together with her family united with St. John Missionary Baptist Church, located at 47th and Wall Ave, in Richmond, CA, under the leadership of the late Rev. James Brown, Pastor. She was very active in Sunday School, BTU, Young Adult Choir, and the Young Women Service Gill, in addition to attending Church on a regular basis. For some time Gladys drifted away from the church; however she reunited on the 26th of October 2016, Minister Otis Harris administering the fellowship.

She received part of her formal education in the Richmond Unified Public School District, prior to returning to Louisiana, and graduating from Webster High School, in Minden, LA, (with honors), graduating number two in her class. After graduating from High School, she returned to Richmond to complete her education, attending Contra Costa College, graduating with an Associated Art Degree in Applied Science as a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

She met her husband, the late James Dunkley at an early age in Growing Valley Louisiana. They attended Elementary and High School together. After moving to Richmond, California they were united in holy matrimony (by the late Rev. R. L. Johnson, on August 28, 1949), to this union one child was born. Sheila Anita Dunkley.

Gladys worked over twenty (20) years between San Francisco General Hospital and Martinez, as a L.V.N. The hallmarks of Gladys life, was her infectious love for children. In 1961 she resigned from the Hospital, and open Dunkley Child Care, and became a foster parent, taking care of Crack Babies and under privilege children. She and her husband was the owners of Shelia's Record Shop and Dunkley Bail Bond, in Richmond, CA, she was also a Notary Public. Being in business required much of her time, but never too much that she could not give her love and care to, "as she called, her under privilege Babies."

Her Community and Civic Activities, includes, a life time member of Star of Love Chapter No. 22, O.E.S, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the NAACP.

Gladys' memorable life will be cherished by: her Daughter and Son in Law, Shelia and Thomas Bruton, Richmond, CA, Step Son, Aubrey Dunkley, Fairfield, CA, and Step Daughter, Sharon Dunkley Moore, Fairfield, CA; Grand Children: Anthony and Lashanda Dunkley, Richmond, CA. Sister and Brother In Law, Zodia M. and Elwood Jordan, El Cerrito, CA, Nephews, Seleem Jordan, Vernon Dunkley, Jr., Woodrow Dunkley, Jr., Garth Dunkley; Nieces, Min. Sherida (Jordan) Walker, Michelle Dowell and Barbara Mathews; Great Niece Sherice Harvey; God-children, Nicki Montgomery and Marvin Montgomery and many other relatives and friends.

Order of Celebration

Musical Prelude.....Pastor Johnathan L. Green
Praises of Zion Baptist Church, Clearlake, CA

Processional.....Clergy, Family & Friends

Scripture.....Old Testament.....Minister Derek Jackson

New Testament.....Minister Derek Jackson

Prayer.....Bishop Aaron E. Ward, Sr.
Starlight Baptist Church, Vallejo, CA

Solo.....Deacon Arthur Lee Johnson

Acknowledgments.....Sister Judy Matthews

Resolution.....Sister Iola Baker

Expressions/Remembrances..... (2 minutes Please)

Star of Love, Chapter #22/Golden Poppy Grand Chapter

Sister Marvelia Major.....Resolutions, G. Secretary

Sister Dorothy Y. Wasdon, P.G.W.M.

Aunt Gladys As I Knew Her.....Minister Sherida Walker

Obituary..... Read Silently

Solo.....Minister Cynthia Harris

Words of Comfort.....Minister Cynthia Harris

Parting View/Recessional.....Rose Manor Funeral Services

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, CA 94806

Repast

Odom Hall
2131 Nevin Avenue
Richmond, CA 94804

Active Pallbearers

Deacons

St. John Missionary Baptist Church

Honorary Pallbearers

Brother Thomas Bruton

Brother Anthony Dunkley

Brother Elwood Jordan

Brother Seleem Jordan

Brother Aubrey Dunkley

Brother Vernon Dunkley, Jr.

Brother Woodrow Dunkley, Jr.

Acknowledgment

Our family is truly blessed to have such a loving circle of family and friends. St. John Missionary Baptist Church, mere words could never be enough to express our gratitude for your tireless acts of doing whatever needed to be done. Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls and other acts of kindness and encouragement. Please continue to pray for us.



Arrangements Entrusted to:

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